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SUBJECT: ASAHI POLL ON MIKI CABINET

SUMMARY: ASAHI SHIMBUN PUBLISHED RESULTS OF NATIONWIDE POLL ON MIKI CABINET TAKEN JUNE 19-20 AMONG RANDOM SAMPLE OF 2,625 ELIGIBLE VOTERS. (A) 34 PERCENT SUPPORTED MIKI CABINET, WHILE 33 DID NOT. THESE FIGURES, COMPARED TO THOSE OF PREVIOUS DECEMBER POLL TAKEN IMMEDIATELY AFTER MIKI TOOK OFFICE, SHOW AN 11 PERCENT DROP IN SUPPORT (45), AND 14 PERCENT INCREASE FOR NON-SUPPORT (19). BREAKS OF MIKI CABINET SUPPORT BY POLITICAL PARTY SUPPORTERS SHOWED: LDP, 51; JSP 23; JCP, 16; KOMEI, 16; AND DSP, 35. ASAHI POLLSTER ANALYZED THAT KOMEI SUPPORTERS' ATTITUDE TOWARD MIKI CABINET WAS GETTING MUCH CLOSER TO THAT OF JCP THAN TO JSP DUE PROBABLY TO INCREASING JCP-KOMEI JOINT DIET ACTIONS AGAINST MIKI CABINET OVER BILLS TO REFORM ELECTION AND POLITICAL FUND LAWS. (B) OF 34 PERCENT WHO SUPPORTED MIKI CABINET, 8 PERCENT MENTIONED "CONFIDENCE IN MIKI," AND 5 PERCENT EACH "SUPPORT OF LDP" AND "WITHOUT ANY SPECIAL REASONS." (C) OF 33 PERCENT NON-SUPPORTERS, 11 PERCENT REPLIED "DISTRUST OF MIKI" AND 5 PERCENT "NO LDP SUPPORT" AS REASONS. (D) IN MULTIPLE ANSWERS, LARGEST 49 PERCENT WANTED MIKI CABINET TO CARRY OUT "PRICE MEASURES," FOLLOWED BY "WELFARE AND POLLUTION MEASURES" (14) AND "LIVELIHOOD STABILITY" (12) "FOREIGN POLICY" GOT ONLY 2 PERCENT. (E) ASKED WHAT POLITICAL PARTY RESPONDENTS LIKED BEST, 45 PERCENT PREFERRED LDP, 24 PERCENT JSP, AND 8 PERCENT JCP.  
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END SUMMARY.

1. DO YOU SUPPORT MIKI CABINET, OR DON'T YOU?: (A) SUPPORT, 34,  
(B) DO NOT SUPPORT, 33; (C) OTHER, 17; (D) NA, 16

2. REASONS FOR YOUR SUPPORT (34 PERCENT): (A) TRUST IN MIKI, 8; (B) SUPPORT FOR LDP, 5; (C) WITHOUT SPECIFIC REASON, 5; (D) THINGS WILL REMAIN SAME WHOEVER RUNS OVERNMENT, 4; (E) TRUST IN MIKI POLICES, 4; (F) TRUST IN CABINET, 3; (G) BETTER THAN TANAKA CABINET, 2; (H) SATISFIED WITH PRESENT STWDDZA, 7.6; (I) OTHER, NO REASON GIVEN, 2.

3. REASONS FOR NOT SUPPORTING (33 PERCENT): (A) DISTRUST OF MIKI, 11; (B) NOT SUPORTING LDP, 5; (C) DISTRUST OF CABINET, 4; (D) THINGS WILL REMAIN SAME WHOEVER RUNS GOVERNMENT, 3; (E) HIGH PRICES/ LIVELIHOOD INSTABILITY, 3; (F) OPPOSITION TO MIKI POLICIES, 2; (G) OTHER, 3; (H) NO REASON GIVEN, 2.

4. WHAT DO YOU WANT OF MIKI CABINET? (MULTIPLE REPLIES): (A) PRICE MEASURES, 49; (B) WELFARE AND POLLUTION CONTRL, 14; (C) LIVELIHOOD STABILITY, 12 (D) RECESSION MEASURE, 8; (E) CARRY OUT PLEDGES MIKI GAVE TO NATION WHEN HE TOOK OFFICE, 6; (F) DO NOT EXPECT ANYTHING, 3; (G) IMPROVE EDUCATION, 3 (H) FOREIGN POLICY, 2; (I) AGRICULTURAL POLICY/OTHER, 5; (J) NA, 13.

5. WHAT POLITICAL PARTY DO YOU LIKE BEST? (A) LDP, 45; (B) JSP, 24; (C) JCP, 8, (D) KOMEI, 5; (E) DSP, 5; (F) NONE, 6; (G) NA, 7.  
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